SENATE BILL 170 By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 14, relative to wetlands.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-404, is amended by deleting that section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

11-14-404.

The director is authorized to maintain an inventory of rare and significant biological and geological wetlands and bottomland hardwood forests worthy of protection under the terms and conditions of this part. Such inventory shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, locations for unique wetlands, scenic wetlands, wetlands which are excellent examples of wildlife habitat, areas with significant potential for enhancement of water quality, areas exhibiting exceptional ecological values, and bottomland hardwood forests.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.